
Cross-Reference to Related Application:

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The present application is a continuation application of and claims priority, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, from US patent application Serial No. 08/945,997, filed February 12, 1998, which issued on February 6, 2001 as US Patent No. 6,184,344, and which was a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/US95/05668, filed May 4, 1995, which International Application was published in English.

Page 9, third paragraph, please substitute the following paragraph:

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Another aspect of the invention is directed to a method for producing an oligopeptide having a C-terminal thioester. The method admixes a resin having a linker with an unoxidized thiol with a Boc-amino acid succinimide ester under reaction conditions to produce a Boc-amino thioester-resin. An oligopeptide is then assembled onto the Boc-amino thioester-resin by stepwise solid phase peptide synthesis. When the oligopeptide is complete, the Boc-amino thioester-resin is cleaved with HS to produce an oligopeptide having a C-terminal thiol. The C-terminal thiol is then converted to an oligopeptide having a C-terminal thioester.

Deletion of Schemes:

In view of the acceptance of Figures 1-10 (B), Applicant requests that Scheme 1 be deleted from page 8; Scheme 2 be deleted from page 13; Scheme 5 be deleted from page 15; Scheme 7 be deleted from page 17; Scheme 3 be deleted from page 25;

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